Second Chance Week 2016

Give your stuff a second chance, help the community and the environment

14th Annual 2nd Chance Week Coming Soon

It begins with the Morgan Hill Citywide Garage Sale on the weekend of September 10 & 11.

This popular event affords residents throughout the South County with an opportunity to give their old items a new life with a new owner. A list of garage sale addresses will be available at Morgan Hill City Hall and on the web at www.secondchanceweek.com after 12pm on the Friday before the sale.

Monday September 12 is "Universal Waste Awareness Day." Universal waste consists of consumer electronics, batteries, fluorescent lighting and other mercury-containing products that will not be accepted in your garbage. Residents (no business waste accepted) can keep these items away from our air, water and landfills by properly disposing of them as follows:

Fluorescent light bulbs & tubes:
Johnson Lumber / Ace Hardware,
408-778-1550 / 408-847-5890;

Consumer electronics:

Westside Recycling, 408-782-2555 and Pacific Coast Recycling, 408-848-6811; *Mercury containing devices:*Santa Clara County HHW Program.

Santa Clara County HHW Program, 408-299-7300.

Don't forget to recycle household batteries at the curb. Put batteries in a zippered plastic bag with scotch or electrical tape covering the terminals and place on top of your recycling cart. Johnson Lumber/Ace Hardware will also accept your household batteries for recycling.

Tuesday, September 13 is "Freecycle™
Day." Do you have useful things that you don't
need anymore that you are willing to give to other
people who do have a use for them? Freecycle™

helps reduce waste by connecting people who are throwing away unwanted items with others seeking the same items. There are both Morgan Hill and Gilroy Freecycle $^{\text{TM}}$ groups. Go to www.trashnothing.com, click "Join Now" to sign up and then add the local Freecycle $^{\text{TM}}$ groups that you'd like to join. It's free, it's easy, it's fun and it keeps your unwanted items out of the landfill! Visit www.secondchanceweek.com for more details.

Wednesday, September 14 from 8am to 5pm is "Donate Coats for Kids & Adults Too Day."

Have gently used coats you or your children have grown out of? Bring them to Gilroy City Hall (7351 Rosanna Street) or the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center (17000 Monterey Road). The coats will go to underprivileged children and their parents.

Thursday, September 15 from 8am to 5pm is "Second Sight Day." Bring your old eye glasses to Gilroy City Hall (7351 Rosanna Street) or the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center (17000 Monterey Road) and the Lions Club will give them a 2nd Chance to serve someone less fortunate.

Friday, September 16 is "Recycle Your **Cycle Day."** Have a used bike to donate? Bring it in and we'll donate it to local charities that serve both children and adults. We'll accept bicycles of all sizes from tricycles up to full sized bicycles for adults. **Before** donating your bike, ask yourself these questions: Could an experienced mechanic make this bike functional and safe to ride in one hour or less? Is the bike substantially free of rust and corrosion? Is the bike clean enough that you could offer it as a gift without embarrassment? If the answers are all "yes," then we'll gladly receive the bike. We appreciate your effort to clean up your bike before donating it. In Morgan Hill, you can drop off your donation at the Morgan Hill Corporation Yard (100 Edes Court) from 8am-3pm. Gilroy will be collecting bikes at Sunshine Bicycles (311 First Street) from 10am-5:30pm.



Saturday and Sunday September 17 & 18 is the Gilroy Citywide Garage Sale. This final event provides local residents with a chance to give their old belongings a new life with a new owner. A list of garage sale addresses will be available at Gilroy City Hall and on the web at www.secondchanceweek.com after 12pm on the Friday before the sale.

Sponsored by the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill, and the County of Santa Clara. For more information, please call 408-310-4169.

